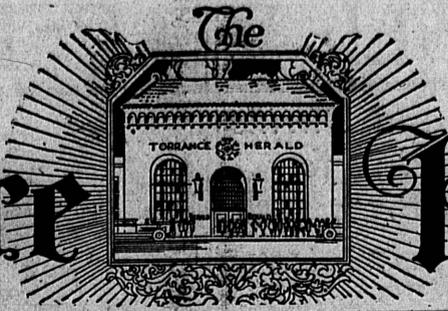




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CHAMBER DIRECTORS DRAW CRITICISM OF LABOR UNION

Steel Workers' Union Resents Opposition of Chamber of Commerce to 30-Hour Week Labor Bill

Resentment of the action taken last March by directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in opposing passage of the Connerly 30-hour week labor bill, was expressed in a resolution adopted this week by the Torrance Lodge, No. 7, of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers Union.

While reference is made in the union workers' resolution to the "patronage enjoyed by small business men in Torrance," it seems only fair to point out that the majority membership of the Chamber of Commerce Directorate is made up of industrial executives and only one of the nine directors is a merchant. The union workers' resolution follows:

"RESOLUTION
"Torrance, Calif., May 15, 1934.
"WHEREAS: On March 5, 1934, the Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at their regular monthly meeting adopted legislation opposing the H. R. 7202 Connerly Bill which provides for a maximum 30-hour week, that is, five six-hour days, with no reduction in weekly earnings; and

"WHEREAS: The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, have for years sponsored the shorter work day and the shorter work week; and

"WHEREAS: The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has among its membership many small business men depending for their existence on the patronage of the mill workers who would be most directly affected by this proposed legislation; therefore, be it

"RESOLVED: That we, the members of Torrance Lodge No. 7, California, I. O. F. & T. W. of N. A., deeply resent the action of the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and be it further

"RESOLVED: That the congressman, Charles J. Golden, of this district; also the two United States senators, Hiram Johnson and W. G. McAdoo, from California, be furnished a copy of this resolution.

"Sincerely yours,
"TORRANCE LODGE, No. 7, CALIF. A. O. F. I. S. & T. W. OF N. A."
(SEAL)

Directors' Views
In reporting the action of the Chamber of Commerce directors in March, L. J. Gilmeister, secretary, said in the Torrance Herald:

"The board of directors adopted a resolution in opposition to H. R. 7202, the Connerly Bill, providing for a maximum of 30 hours of labor per week, that is, five six-hour days, subject to modification by the President in specific cases of inability to comply; providing further that there should be no reduction of weekly earnings by virtue of the lesser work week and setting up an equal number of labor representatives with industrialists on Code Authorities. While it is understood that this is not an administration measure and that General Johnson is not sponsoring it, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in its letter to our senators and congressmen reporting its action pointed out that the Torrance district had supported in every way the recovery program and was still in favor of the highest possible wage for labor that industry can bear, as necessary to increase producing power, but that the proposed reduction of hours without lowering present wages would increase labor costs 33 1/3 per cent.

"Doubt was expressed that prices could be increased to cover the added cost without reducing purchasing power, impeding business recovery and thus defeat any good purpose.
"It was definitely recommended that hours and wages of labor be left to adjustment between industry and the N. R. A., where such matters are placed by the National Industrial Recovery Act.
"The board of directors adopted another resolution to our senators and congressmen against the unemployment insurance plan. The board expressed sympathy with the general purpose of this legislation under more stable and prosperous times, but declared emphatically against the proposed excise tax of 5 per cent upon payrolls of persons re-

Life Threatened



Loretta Turnbull, beautiful young speedboat racing champion, is under police guard as a result of a kidnap threat. The Monrovia, Cal., girl's father received a note demanding a sum of money and threatening to kidnap the speedboat queen unless the demand was met.

Welfare Orders In Torrance Up 1000 Per Cent

Heavy Increase Shown In District In The Past Month

Because the growth of welfare orders in the Torrance district has grown nearly 1000 per cent, larger quarters are to be rented at the same location as present, by order of the board of supervisors.

Several times recently the 25-foot square room has been inadequate for storage of the food given to indigents, with the result that some of it had to be stacked on the sidewalk in front of the building, and a watchman placed to guard it.

The supervisors, upon recommendation of the county bureau of efficiency, approved the rental of an additional 105 feet in the building, making a storage place 25 by 130 feet instead of 25 feet square. The entire store room formerly occupied by the Veterans Relief Association is now being used.

When the quarters were taken, there were but 264 orders filled here in a month. Last month, there were 3343 orders filled.

Beach Party For Torrance Children

Another beach party for Torrance children is being arranged for next Saturday, according to Miss Josephine Odell, playground director. All those who wish to attend must be at the Recreation Center building, 1316 Cabrillo avenue, not later than 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning, bringing their own lunches and bathing suits.

About 53 children from Waverly were taken to the beach last Saturday. Activities at the playgrounds have slowed up somewhat while the heads of the recreation department are waiting for action by the SERRA to assign workers.

Rev. O. D. Wonder Reappointed Pastor At Central Church

Rev. O. D. Wonder has returned from Sacramento where he attended the annual conference of the Evangelical churches of California. Rev. Wonder was reappointed pastor of Central church, for the ensuing year and will preach at the morning service this coming Sunday. In the evening Rev. Eugene Hessel, of San Anselmo, California, will be the minister.

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* * of money in lots of ways. *
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Gala, Gay Affair Planned At High School Tomorrow

"A gay affair—the gayest of the year," says Mrs. Eischen, supervising arrangements for the grand and gala carnival to which townspeople, students and faculty are invited to come and have the time of their lives at the high school tomorrow night.

E. X. ANDEM IS CALLED BY DEATH TODAY

Resident of City 16 Years Expires At Home Early This Morning

Eugene X. Andem, 1751 Gramercy, a resident of this city for the past 16 years, passed away very suddenly this morning. Mr. Andem retired last night in his usual health, but at 4:30 today his wife was awakened by his labored breathing. Before she could summon aid, Mr. Andem had passed away. For some time past he has been suffering from high blood pressure and was rather run down in health, but his condition had not been considered immediately serious, so that his death at this time was a great shock to his family and friends.

Mr. Andem came to Torrance to become manager of the Carbon factory, which was being built on Horder avenue, but which, owing to later developments failed to carry on.

He was prominent in civic affairs for a number of years, at one time president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and was an active member of the First Baptist church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Agnes B. Andem, and other relatives in the east.

At this time no arrangements for funeral services have been completed.

Postal Clerk Is Killed In Cycle-Truck Collision

Frank Paour, Sr., Hurdled From Truck Is Painfully Injured

Nick Erwin, age 37, a clerk at the San Pedro post office, was instantly killed Monday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock when his motorcycle crashed into the side of a Veterans Relief Association truck driven by Ray Comer, 1916 Border avenue, at the intersection of Western avenue and 203rd street.

Erwin was on his way to his home at 348 Hillside street, Inglewood, after going off duty at the San Pedro postoffice.

Comer's report to the city police station stated that he was driving north on Western avenue, and was about to make a left turn into 203rd street. He said he looked into the rear-vision mirror and saw no one. He started to make the turn and felt the crash as the motorcycle struck the truck.

Frank Paour, Sr., who was riding with Comer, was thrown to the ground and sustained painful bruises and shock. He was removed to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for treatment.

Attendants at the hospital said yesterday that while the injuries in themselves were not serious, Mr. Paour's age, 69 years, made recovery a slow process. His family expected to remove him to his home on Tuesday but were unable to do so because he had not rallied sufficiently from shock. His condition is improving slowly. Erwin's body was taken to Stone & Myers mortuary.

"HARBOR DAY" FETE CANCELLED FOR SAT.
Plans for the annual Harbor Day celebration and boat trip scheduled for Saturday have been cancelled on orders of the Harbor commission due to the danger to life and property during the strike of harbor workmen. The public is requested not to visit the harbor area until the present labor trouble is settled.

John R. Quinn In Race For Governorship



JOHN R. QUINN, chairman of the board of supervisors of Los Angeles county, and representative on the county board from this district, yesterday announced that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of California at the August primary election.

"It is mandatory to curtail government expenses, and effect prompt reorganization of state departments if sensible tax reduction is to be made possible," said Quinn, "and I shall endeavor to give the people aggressive and courageous leadership."

Quinn, a native son, was born at Porterville, July 17, 1889, and was educated at the University of California in Berkeley. He has spent the major part of his business life in Southern California, and is a former state and national commander of the American Legion.

It is expected that W. Harold Kingsley, former editor of the Torrance Herald, and Carl L. Hyde, former secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, both of whom have been close associates of Supervisor Quinn for the past two years, will play an active part in his gubernatorial campaign.

Simultaneously with Quinn's announcement that he would enter the race for the governorship, Governor James Rolph, Jr., issued a statement that he would withdraw from public life because of ill health and would not seek reelection. Following is the present line-up in the gubernatorial campaign:

On the Republican side—John R. Quinn of Los Angeles, former Governor C. C. Young, Frank C. Merriam, the present lieutenant governor, Raymond Haight, former corporation commissioner; State Senator Herbert Jones, State Treasurer Charles G. Johnson and Mrs. Clara Shortridge Foltz of Los Angeles.

On the Democratic side—George Creel, former NRA administrator; Justus S. Wardell, former public works administrator; Milton K. Young, the Democratic candidate in 1930; Upton Sinclair, the senator; Z. T. Maloney of Pasadena and Avery C. Moore of Oakland.

And How We'll Celebrate!

Things are certainly "looking up" in Torrance! Columbia Steel is now working over 1600 men, which is 400 more than were employed during the peak of the 1928-29 boom! Columbia is now running at capacity production.

National Supply added another 35 men to its payroll during the past fortnight, bringing the total employment to 400, which is double the force which was working a year ago. Once again, the Union Tool payroll becomes a real factor in local trade activities.

International Derrick & Equipment is working over four times as many men as were employed a year ago at the Ideco plant, and individual payroll checks have been greatly increased as well.

A number of smaller industries also report increased activity, including the Torrance Herald, whose advertising sales were greater in April than in any corresponding month since 1931.—and incidentally, its payroll was also the largest for any April in the past three years.

But the biggest "plum" in the local prosperity pudding is yet to be served. It's the reopening of the First National Bank, which will free thousands of dollars of frozen deposits for circulation in local trades. And the opening of the bank is definitely assured. All that is required is to unwind the "red tape," which the local bank officials are working night and day to accomplish.

When the bank reopens, it will call for a real celebration, and already preliminary preparations are being made for staging a huge "Good Times Jubilee" to commemorate the big event. This should take place some time in June, depending upon the exact date that the bank reopens.

As their part in the "Good Times Jubilee," Torrance merchants are planning a Bargain Festival such as never before has been attempted in this city. By offering outstanding values and thus encouraging shoppers to make their purchases in Torrance stores, merchants will be doing a signal service to the bank, to their customers, and to the community.

The money which is spent in local stores will immediately be re-deposited in the bank, to increase its deposits, to pay back loans for the benefit of new bank stockholders, to finance developments of worthy community enterprises. On the other hand, if purchases are made out-of-town, the money will leave the community, never to return, to the detriment of the bank, the bank's many new stockholders and the entire community.

Never has there been a time when it has been more important to patronize local merchants, most of whom have sensed their responsibility and are planning to offer outstanding values to encourage buying in Torrance. Details of the "Good Times Jubilee" will be given in later issues.

M. J. Fix Family Hurt When Stray Horse Hits Car

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Fix and family were victims of an odd accident Sunday when a stray horse running loose on Atlantic boulevard, near Firestone boulevard, attempted to jump over their automobile. The horse narrowly escaped colliding with a number of other cars in the heavy line of traffic before encountering the Fix automobile, which was badly damaged by the animal.

Mr. Fix sustained a painful hip injury and his daughter, Norma, 9, suffered a fractured arm and dislocated shoulder. Two other children and Mrs. Fix sustained minor cuts and bruises. All were treated at an emergency hospital. The family was en route from their home in Sierra Madre to visit relatives in Torrance.

The horse was killed.

Auxiliary to Observe Poppy Day On May 28

Shipment of Little Red Flowers Arrives For Annual Memorial

Poppies are blooming in Torrance today. They are to be seen by the hundreds at the poppy headquarters of Bert S. Crossland, unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, where preparations are going forward rapidly for "Poppy Day," May 28th.

The poppies are exact replicas in paper of the famous French poppies which grew in such profusion on the World War battlefields in France and Belgium. They have been made by disabled World War veterans and will be worn on "Poppy Day" in tribute to the war dead.

The shipment of poppies, consisting of 750 of the little red flowers, arrived at auxiliary headquarters today from Sawtelle Veterans' hospital, where disabled veterans unable to do other work have been given employment during the winter and spring making poppies. Each flower has been carefully shaped by hand to a very realistic likeness to the wild European poppy—the memorial flower of the World War.

At the auxiliary headquarters, Mrs. J. R. Wilkes, chairman of the poppy committee, and a corps of workers are counting the flowers and arranging them in baskets ready to be taken out on the streets by the women who will distribute them on "Poppy Day." Contributions for the poppies will be used to support the relief and rehabilitation work carried out by the American Legion and Auxiliary for disabled veterans and needy children of veterans.

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Striking Longshoremen in Mass Demonstration



With both sides standing as positive as ever the longshoremen's strike on the Pacific coast entered its second week. The strike has virtually paralyzed shipping on the west coast. In San Francisco the strikers were augmented by the Teamsters' Union, which entered into a sympathy strike. Pictured above is a mass meeting attended by 5000 striking longshoremen and sympathizers in San Francisco.